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Enhancing Civic Safety and Pride Through Community Preservation

Fremont, CA – April 27, 2004 – Fremont Building & Safety Manager Massoud Abolhoda and Community Preservation Manager Leonard Powell will provide the City Council and community with a presentation regarding the impacts of recent budget cuts on Community Preservation services at Tuesday's City Council meeting on April 27, 2004 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Fremont City Council Chambers.

Their presentation will provide an overview of the services provided by Community Preservation and will highlight the service impacts of recent budget cuts. The Community Preservation Section of the Building & Safety Division has strived to increase efficiency in providing code enforcement activities, focusing limited staff resources on health and safety as the top priority. The City responds to code enforcement complaints for approximately 70,000 dwelling units and 60-million square feet of industrial and commercial space with 30% fewer staff than two years ago. The presentation will also highlight strategies Community Preservation is using to create a more manageable future given available resources.

Tuesday's presentation will highlight three (3) main points:

- 1) As the community's building stock and infrastructure ages, Community Preservation efforts will become even more important for reducing blight and maintaining a high quality of life.
- 2) Maintaining a safe and attractive community through code enforcement activities contributes to economic development efforts.
- 3) Budget reductions have forced the Community Preservation section to prioritize its response to complaints and deal first with health and safety issues, second with issues related to community blight and finally, as time allows, with complaints related to overall quality of life concerns.

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